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TOWN AND VICINAGE

Farm wagons that stay on the road at Mell & Phillips.

Born, August 20, 1912, to the wife of Charles Francisco, a son.

Miss Alice White visited Mrs. R. M. Bug in Potasi last week.

Mrs. J. N. Estes and baby are visiting in St. Louis this week.

Hon. M. L. Clardy was down from St. Louis for a few days this week.

Mrs. Mary D. Counts and Mrs. Mary Phillips are very ill this week.

Miss Nell Pipkin visited Mrs. C. L. Norwine at Bonne Terre last week.

Born, August 21, 1912, to the wife of Dave Horthorn of R. F. D. No. 2, a son.

Mrs. Charlotte M. Huff and daughter, Miss Emily, have returned from St. Louis.

Miss Mayme Davis of Mexico Mo., is visiting her sister, Mrs. John McCormick.

Miss Virginia Clardy is down from St. Louis to visit at the farm for a short time.

Mrs. J. W. Helber visited Mrs. W. T. Haile while on her way home from Arcadia encampment.

Mrs. L. T. Johnson and little son of Federal are the guests of her mother, Mrs. Eva Spauld.

Miss Katherine Conner of Prairie Du Rocher will arrive today for a visit with Miss Lavina Kozier.

Misses Pauline Byington and May Cover visited Miss Jessamine Norwine at Bonne Terre last week.

Mrs. John B. Highley and Miss Grace Highley of Oklahoma City, Okla., are visiting friends in Farmington.

Mrs. Kennett Byington of Jaydee spent several days in town this week with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. W. Braham.

Miss Edna Mounce of St. Louis and Earl Mounce of Fredericktown are the guests of their aunt, Mrs. D. L. Delaney.

Billy Pipkin arrived home last Tuesday for a couple of weeks. He is manager of an oil and gas plant at Vilas, Kansas.

Lost—A gold hat pin, on the Iron Mountain road between Ironton and Farmington. A reward for its return to Miss Beth Haile.

Misses Mary Ledbetter and Frances Flowers will teach in the public schools at Bonne Terre the coming school year.

There will be a social meeting of the W. C. T. U. at the home of Mrs. H. P. Crowe next Tuesday afternoon, August 27th, at three o'clock.

Mrs. S. R. McKay and her little son, James Ashbury McKay, of Knox City, Mo., are here visiting her parents, Capt. and Mrs. Samuel L. Ashbury.

Our good old friend Mr. John Graham of Libertyville was in town Saturday shaking hands with his old friends. He doesn't get to town often now since he was crippled up several years ago, and his friends are always glad to see him.

Miss Marion Keith who took a trip to Europe this summer arrived in New York a few days ago on the "Ivernia" on her way home. She will spend a short time in New York visiting her aunt and uncle before returning home.

Bristol French, formerly editor of the Piedmont Banner, has bought the Bonne Terre News, and he took charge of that paper last week. Mr. French is a wide-awake newspaper man and from the copy before us promises to give Bonne Terre a good paper. It is Democratic in politics. We wish the new editor success.

In the apportionment of the State school monies St. Francois county gets \$10,649.25. The apportionment is made on the basis of public school attendance, and is a little over one cent a day for each pupil. Only 10 teachers are reported from this county who had an average daily attendance of less than 15.

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DEATH PENALTY FOR SCHRUM SAYS JURY.

Man Given Life Sentence For Murder of Gent Gibson Receives Death Penalty for Murder of Mont Hall.

James Schrum, who was tried last week for the murder of Gent Gibson at Iron Mountain on the 15th of last June, the jury returning a verdict of murder in the first degree and assessing his punishment at life imprisonment, was again tried for the murder of Mont Hall at the same place and time. The trial on the latter charge began last Saturday and closed Monday night of this week, the jury returning the following verdict:

"We the jury find the defendant, James Schrum, guilty of murder in the first degree as he stands charged in the information and assess his punishment at death."

The names of the jurors, all of whom signed the verdict, follow: Lawrence Smith, J. J. Govero, Oscar Murphy, J. P. Hipes, Lee Graves, Carl B. Brim, Robert Clay, A. W. Mason, W. M. Eaton, J. W. Cook, T. K. Silsby and Stephen Putnam.

The killing occurred on June 15th at about eight o'clock in the morning at Iron Mountain Lake. There had been bad feeling between the Halls and Gibsons and the Schrums for some time, and on Thursday evening, June 13th, James Schrum and daughter passed by the Hall and Gibson home and engaged in a quarrel with Gibson, following which some shots were fired by each Gibson and Schrum. Later in the evening Schrum walked to Graniteville, where he remained until the next morning, when he borrowed a .32-40 Winchester rifle from a Mr. Evans. Being unable to procure ammunition for the gun at Graniteville, he and his son, Harvey, then walked to Ironton and purchased shells from Lopez, and then walked back home.

On the following morning Schrum and son, the former armed with the Winchester and the latter with a shot gun, walked from home to the lake where they found J. W. Forsee and Abram Haile fishing, and Gibson and Hall sitting on the embankment watching them. As Schrum approached he met Haile first. Haile asked him if he had come out to kill some fish and he said "Yes, and I have got two here that I am going to put on my string right away."

With this he leveled the rifle at Gibson and fired, and Hall who was then standing behind Gibson ran toward the residence of Haile, and as he was about 80 feet distant both Schrums fired, each hitting him. The boy put 41 shot in Hall's right shoulder and neck and the old man struck him in the left side, the ball passing almost through his body. Both men died before the noon hour.

It was brought out in the testimony for the defense that Gibson and Hall had a day or two previous to the killing been to Schrum's home and had grossly insulted Schrum's wife and daughter and made indecent proposals to them.

Prosecuting Attorney B. H. Boyer conducted the prosecution alone with his usual zeal, and the defendant was represented by Felix O. Poston of Flat River.

Harry Schrum, the son, on Tuesday pleaded guilty to murder in the second degree in each of the informations against him, and was sentenced to ten years in the penitentiary for his part in the killing of Gibson and fifteen years for his part in the killing of Hall.

The elder Schrum on Tuesday was sentenced by the Court to the penitentiary for life on the first conviction. Sentence on the second conviction, in which the jury fixed his punishment at death, has not yet been pronounced, as the four days allowed for a motion for a new trial has not yet expired. There is some question as to which of these convictions takes precedence—the first or the second—but we understand that some of the lawyers, and among them the Prosecuting Attorney, hold that it is the one involving the severer or greater punishment—death.

This is the first conviction of murder in the first degree in this county where the jury fixed the punishment at death since the law was enacted leaving it optional with the jury to fix the punishment at life imprisonment in such cases. The case will doubtless be appealed to the Supreme Court.

JNO. MONTGOMERY MEETS DEATH BY ELECTROCUTION.

Last Sunday about noon John Montgomery, electrician at Shaft No. 6 of the Doe Run Lead Company, went down to look over the general electric works, and in some way fell against the feed wire that leads to the pump and was electrocuted. Just how it happened no one knows, as he was alone. When found he was lying with the wire under his right arm, and there were burns on his breast, the right side of his head and left side of his neck. The feed wire leading from the switch board was insulated and in a casing up to within about eight inches of the pump, where it was exposed for that distance. It was here that the unfortunate man fell with his arm over the exposed wire, but as the wire was insulated it is not clear how such a fatal result ensued. Mr. Montgomery was about 30 years old and leaves a family. Dr. English held an inquest over the body at which the foregoing facts were elicited.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

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PASSES CENTURY MARK.

Mrs. Lucinda Hobbs, familiarly known as "Grandma" Hobbs, passed her 100th birthday anniversary Tuesday, August 13th, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. M. N. Mathas, with whom she makes her home. She is very feeble and in a critical condition with a cancer on her face, but she is a very patient sufferer and always cheerful. She received a number of useful presents.—Elvis Mining Herald.

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THE GOSPEL REVIVAL MEETING AT THE TENT.

Evangelist George L. Snively and His Singer, Miss Park, Drawing Large Crowds.

The Gospel Revival Meetings inaugurated by the Christian Church of Farmington, advance notices of which the readers of The Times have observed in its columns the past six or eight weeks, were begun last Sunday morning. A large tent has been erected and seated in rear of the Masonic Temple, and a splendid audience gathered there Sunday morning and night. All the evangelical churches of the town adjourned their regular evening services and their pastors joined heartily in the meeting.

Evangelist Snively is an earnest, able, forceful and cultured speaker who comes with a message of truth and love and life for all; and Miss Lucile May Park of Des Moines, Iowa, who leads the singing, is a singer of unusual sweet voice and expression with her whole soul in the work.

Come and hear Evangelist Snively, who is here to preach the greatest message in the world. Come and hear this message by a man who believes it and lives it.

You will enjoy every sermon and will want to hear more. Tell your neighbors and friends. Bring your enemies. "Come, let us reason together," saith Jehovah.

Miss Park brings a real message in song each night. Hear her. Singers of Farmington, come and help sing the Gospel story. The song service begins promptly at 7:30 o'clock.

Miss Park comes to teach the children, too. They will meet every morning at 9 o'clock. Send or bring your boys and girls. Mothers, come and bring your babies and learn how to tell your children stories of the Great Book.

Everybody is invited. Don't miss one night service.

The following subjects will be discussed by Evangelist Snively:

Thursday—To-Night.
The Wealth of the Christian.
Sole: "Christ is All."

Friday Night.
The Barden Bearer.
Sole: "He's Just the Same To-Day."

Lord's Day Morning.
The Mind of the Master.
Sole: "In the Secret of His Presence."

Afternoon at 3 o'clock.
A Great Memorial Service.
Sole: "The Model Church."

Night at 7:30.
The Immortality of the Soul and Its Home.
Sole: "The Home of the Soul."

Christian people, let us work together and win men and women from sin to the Christ.

The King's business requires haste.

If Christ should come now—What?

Some of Snively's Sermonettes.

A wife-beater is already ten leagues lower than total depravity.

A living Jehovah cancels the possibility of failure out of every concerted life.

Some men are so crooked they can hide behind a cork screw and yet say, "I'll get to heaven if anybody does!"

Creds and dogmas are losing prestige, for men care little these days whether the wheels of a clock move by weight or springs, just so the hand on the dial points to the true hour of the day.

A man can no more be a temperate drinker than a temperate murderer. In view of all the awful havoc wrought by alcohol, the very slightest indulgence is wicked intemperance.

Because God lives nothing is "too good to be true!" Everything that ought to be will be, and everything that ought not to be, we may truly say, "This, too, shall pass away!"

Soon after God is coronated as Sovereign of America, every frugal, industrious man may be mustered out of the ranks of toil at fifty and spend the rest of his years under his own vine and fig tree. He may know hunger will never impart a bitter ring to the voices of his children, nor drive the roses from the face of his wife and spread the lily there.

In peace and plenty and great contentment all shall dwell in that better America and nobler age following in the wake of universal loyalty to the Lord our God.

A UNION MEMORIAL.

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charter membership lists of the various local congregations will be read and fittingly honored. Tributes of loving gratitude will be paid the memory of all the Christians, regardless of religious affiliation, who have lived worthily the Christian's calling and have now gone to their eternal reward.

Doubtless the names and memories of some who have faded from public mind will be enlivened by grateful hearts.

Friends should make special efforts to have present the descendants of those who will probably be mentioned at this service.

All our local preachers and other prominent citizens will participate in this memorial occasion.

NOLAND LAWN PARTY.

Mrs. "Billy" Chinn invited a large number of her friends to come out Tuesday afternoon at four o'clock to an informal lawn party at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Noland. Those who went were entirely unprepared for a happy announcement that was to be made. After all the guests were assembled and had spent some time in chatting, they were invited to go to the porch and draw a card from a pretty white basket held by darling little Dorothy, the daughter of the hostess. The card was heart-shaped and bore the names of "Margaret Noland" and "Arthur F. Crawford" with the date "August 24." It was a complete surprise to the guests and Miss Margaret was showered with good wishes for her future.

Mr. Crawford lives in Kermitt, Texas, and will come up this week, and their marriage will take place on Saturday morning at 11 o'clock.

They will leave on the afternoon train for Galveston, Texas, and then to the ranch home of the groom. The friends of the Noland family unite in wishing a happy and prosperous life for the daughter of the home and her chosen companion.

IN HONOR OF MISS HAILE.

Miss Grace Sleeth entertained last week in honor of Miss Edith Haile. There were twenty-two young ladies invited for a sewing party to the St. Francois river, but a heavy storm prevented this part of the program. Nevertheless a most delightful time was had by the merry crowd. Five of the girls spent a couple of days, these being Misses Edith and Beth Haile, Florence Lawrence, Edith Elliot and Alma Smith.

Miss Florence Lawrence entertained Wednesday afternoon for Miss Haile. The invited guests were Misses Alma Smith, Mary Taylor, Nell Doss, Louise Huff, Edith and Beth Haile, Nell and Robbie Pipkin, Mayme and Emma Gleasing, Mary Cunningham, Grace Sleeth, Ethel Elliot, Lillian Neldert, Bess and Margret Noland, Mesdames Paul Leming, John McCormick, W. R. Taylor, Frank Weber, Will Chinn, Florence Walker, Walter Morris and Rhine Lang. Each guest was required to give a toast to the bride-to-be on "How to take care of a husband," and the amusement was to make a drawing of the new home of the bride.

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17th, George H. Watson of Doe Run and Miss Ina Pearl Murphy of Roselle.

19th, R. E. Lee Berkley and Miss Mattie T. McHenry of St. Francois.

20th, William H. Barnes and Miss Frances Volle of Flat River.

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